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## Re Point V.

- 1 Document U.S. 6,066,912 (D1) (cf. Fig. 1-9) discloses a fuel injector, in particular a fuel injector for fuel-injection systems of internal combustion engines, having a piezoelectric or magnetostrictive actuator, which activates a valve-closure member arranged in a housing, the valve-closure member cooperating with a valve-seat surface to form a sealing seat; and an hydraulic coupler, which has a recess on the discharge side in which an end of a valve needle engages in a pivotal manner.
- 1.1 Therefore, the subject matter of Claim 1 is not novel (Article 33 (2) PCT).
- 1.2 The dependent Claims 2-6 do not appear to include any additional features that, in combination with the features of any claim to which Claims 2-6 refer back, satisfy the PCT requirements with respect to novelty or inventive activity since the subject matter of Claims 3-5 is known from document D1, the subject matter of Claims 2, 6 can be gathered from the document WO 03/018996 A (D2) (cf. Fig. 1-3).

## Re Point VII.

- 2 In violation of the requirements of Rule 5.1 a) ii) PCT, neither the relevant related art disclosed in document D1 nor this document are indicated in the specification.
- 2.1 The specification is not in accord with the claims, as stipulated by Rule 5.1 a) iii) PCT.

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